

**SHIPMENT OF TREASURES
COMPLETED**

Nanking, Dec. 23.

The transportation of art relics of the Peiping Palace Museum, stored in Shanghai for the past two years, from the port city to Nanking has now been completed. The Shanghai Office of the Museum, it is learned, will shortly be abolished.—Central News.

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More Palace Treasure Shipped To Nanking

The third shipment of art treasures of the old Peking Palace Museum was being removed today from the Ben Building, Rue Montauban, to the Markham Road Railway Junction where special coaches will transport the art relics to Nanking, starting at 10 p.m. tonight under guard.

Removal of the treasures was conducted practically in the same manner as in the two previous shipments. The premises of the godown, were heavily guarded by officers of the Settlement and the Concession. Work was to continue until about 6 p.m. today. According to an official of the Museum, some 4000 cases of art relics was expected to be removed to today.

Today's shipment is part of the 20,000 cases of the treasures which have been housed in Shanghai since early in 1933 as result of the Japanese menace in Peiping. In the first two consignments, some 8000 boxes have been sent to Nanking where the relics will be put in special vaults until arrangements are completed to house the treasures in a permanent structure.

Two more shipments are scheduled, next Thursday and Monday when the removing will be conducted simultaneously in the two godowns of the Ben Buildings, one on Rue Montauban and the other at 32 Szechuen Road.

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More Treasures Leave City Bound For Nanking; Art Heavily Guarded

THE second shipment of art treasures of the old Peking Palace Museum, which have been stored in Shanghai since 1933, was being removed today from the Ben Building to the Markham Road Railway Junction where they will be shipped to Nanking on special coaches starting at 10 p.m. tonight. A heavy cordon of 20 Settlement Chinese constables of the Reserve Unit under the supervision of Sub-Inspector F. Hancock and Probationary Sergeant J. S. Bushby and 20 more Chinese constables from the Special Brigade of the French Municipal Police under Brigadier L. Asdrubal guarded the premises and the transportation.

Work started shortly after 6 a.m. this morning practically in the same manner as it was conducted on Wednesday morning, and it was to continue until 6 p.m. today. A fleet of 30 Marden trucks was at work, each truck loading about 30 boxes on the average. Each truck was escorted by two Chinese constables, one each from the Settlement and the Concession, and the trucks went to the station in groups of 10. Some 5000 cases of the trea-

asures are expected to be shipped to Nanking today, according to an official of the Museum.

This second consignment is a part of the 20,000 cases which have been housed in the Ben Building at Rue Montauban and 32 Szechuen Road. In the first consignment on Wednesday some 3351 boxes of the valuable treasures were shipped to Nanking. The treasures in the Rue Montauban Ben Building will be removed first and in the later instalments the remaining treasures in the Szechuen Road Ben Building will be removed. The third and fourth consignments are scheduled next Monday and Thursday.

The collection of the treasures when removed to the capital will be temporarily stored in specially built vaults, built by a foreign firm, until arrangements are completed to house them in permanent quarters for public display. The collection includes the 91 odd boxes of art treasures which were exhibited from November, 1935, to March of this year, at the Burlington House, London.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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PRINCIPAL POLICE
REGISTRY

West Hong Kong Station 7451

REPORT

Date 30th June 1936.

Subject (in full) Transportation of Chinese Arts Treasures.

Made by D.S.I. Childs

Forwarded by Inspector E.D. Lee

Sir,

between 8.40 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. 30/6/36 seven motor lorries laden with Chinese arts treasures (84 articles in all), passed along North Nodan Road from the Sun Road, Sapei to the Chinese Arts Treasure Bureau, at the Bund, French Concession.

Motor lorries Lic. Nos. 16968, 16721, 16698, 17202, 17057, 17002 and 16964.

Mr. Wang Tuh Foo (汪德敷), representative of the Chinese Arts Treasure Bureau, accompanied the above lorries.

The party was escorted by the Security Unit.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. Phillips

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Officer i/c.

Special Branch.

June 29th., 1936.

Chinese Art Treasures

(Guards & Escort)

D. G. (Divisions).

Reference the above, the following instructions have been given:-

Place:- Due to arrive from Nanking at Shanghai North Station at 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 30th.

Number of)
Lorries):- Seven.

Route:- North Henan to Honan Road to Avenue Edward VII and Porte du Nord where the Treasures will be taken over by the French Police.

Guards &)
Escort):- Three C.P.Co. to each Lorry with a Motor Car leading (C.I. Lovell) and two Motor Cycles. All vehicles to proceed in Gongsy formation.

Time:- Leave North Railway Station at 9 a.m. (not before).

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Capt. Smigliani
French Police inform.
D.S. Pitts & Marchman
C.C. 141 - 250
from S.B. have been
instructed to report

Date

29 NOV 1937

(Special Branch) Office Notes

P.A.

Show report to Mr Ogden
H.B.M. Counl. In view of the fact
the Fleet is joining Reuter it is
more suitable for H.B.M. authorities to take
up his status with him.

He will also act on instructions
of H.B.M. authorities if requested and return
can be given.

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(SPECIAL BRANCH)

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